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UM FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS AND ENTERTAINERS LAUNCH 'MUSIC IN THE HEARTLAND' TOUR OCT. 9-12

MISSOULA --

Musical entertainment and the restructuring of the Montana University System will share center stage as The University of Montana hits the road Sunday through Wednesday, Oct. 9-12, for a 968-mile tour of eastern and central Montana that will feature live entertainment and the chief executives of all four UM campuses.

The "Music in the Heartland" tour will begin in Billings and include visits to Crow Agency, Lame Deer, Lewistown, Great Falls and Helena. UM President George Dennison will be on board, along with the leaders of UM's affiliated campuses -- Sheila Stearns, chancellor of Western Montana College of UM; Lindsay Norman, chancellor of Montana Tech of UM; and Alex Capdeville, dean of the Helena College of Technology of UM. The University gained affiliated campuses as part of the University System restructuring that took effect July 1.

This year's UM bus tour will have a musical emphasis, with free public concerts along the route. On Monday, UM's Virtual Orchestra and the Islanders Steel Band will perform in the Wood/Granite Room of the Billings Sheraton. The concert will be preceded by a public reception at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier Monday, UM administrators and faculty members will visit Little Big Horn College and Dull Knife Memorial College, meeting with tribal college officials to discuss existing

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collaborative efforts and explore future endeavors. The Dull Knife visit will include discussion of joint efforts in clinical psychology: This year a UM faculty affiliate, Sandra Rahrer, has joined the tribal college's psychology doctoral education program, INPSYDE, and three UM graduate students will spend the year on the Dull Knife campus teaching and providing clinical services.

Also on Monday, UM faculty members will teach courses at Billings high schools, with topics ranging from African-American culture to entrepreneurship. Musical performances are also scheduled at the schools.

The Music in the Heartland tour will continue to Lewistown and Great Falls on Tuesday, then visit Helena on Wednesday.

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